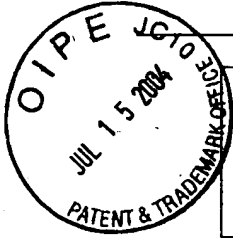


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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 or after any other action that closes prosecution on the application, but before the payment of the issue fee. Please charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. This statement is submitted as certified below under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or §1.97(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application within three months of filing this statement.

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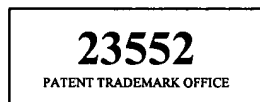
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign document listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. U.S. patent No. 4,089,654 corresponds to Japanese patent application 11-302001.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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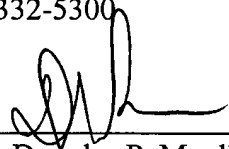
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